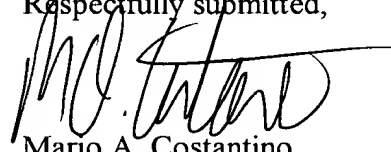


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19, 21-48 and 67-69 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 68 is amended.  
The amendment does not narrow claim 68. No new matter is added by the above amendment.

Further examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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